ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a method for the treatment of a viral infection in a patient by administration of a bis-peroxovanadium (bpV) compound, a potent class of phosphotyrosyl phosphatase inhibitors. The method can be utilized for the treatment of patients suffering from infections caused by viruses, such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The bpV compound may be used in combination with various immunomodulators and/or antiviral agents, in particular, 3TC of which it promotes the phosphorylation into the triphosphate form.